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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 13, line 8 and continuing onto page 14, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

These graft-polymerized deodorant/agent induces chemical reaction with substances causing offensive smell and harmful substances, and it turns these substances to odorless and harmless substances. The deodorizing principle is different from that of activated carbon powder or granular activated carbon, which physically adsorbs the substances causing offensive smell. Therefore, the graft-polymerized deodorant/agent is not engaged in further reaction after the chemical reaction with a predetermined quantity of bad-smelling substances. In this sense, it is different from activated carbon, which adsorbs a certain quantity of bad-smelling substances and it is then saturated and releases the adsorbed smelling substances. The time required for inducing the chemical reaction with a certain quantity of smelling substances varies according to quality and quantity of the smelling substances, and it is not always the same. In a normal type house, the effects of chemical reaction last for a period of about 3 – 6 months.

Harmful substances such as formaldehyde, toluene, xylene, wood preservative, plasticizer, agent for preventing and killing ~~ant~~ ants, etc. are often found in new building materials and can be almost completely eliminated within a period of several days to several weeks. Thus, the invention can improve the well being of new home occupants as well as preventing bedsores by bedridden persons.